

City of Cleveland
Department of Public Works, Division of Recreation

2016 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL MODIFIED RULES FOR COED LEAGUE

TO: TEAM MANAGERS—*Please share this document with the umpires before your game!*

TO: THE GREATER CLEVELAND UMPIRES

Please review these special rules with both coaches at the pre-game conference!

TIME LIMIT: No new inning may start after 60 minutes, unless the game is tied.

CURFEW: No inning may start after 11 p.m.

JEWELRY:

1. ALL **eye rings** must be removed—players may not tape over them.
2. Large chains that hang outside the uniform are not permitted.
3. Players **must** remove any jewelry the umpires deem unsafe or detrimental to the game of softball.

CO-ED PLAYER RULES

1. Teams must have 9 players to start the game. The missing player's spot in the batting order will be recorded as an out. The female / male may enter the game immediately upon their arrival.
2. Batting order must alternate male & female. You may start with a female or male batter. (6 males & 6 females if EP's are used)
3. On defense, there must be 2 male and 2 female outfielders. 2 male and 2 female infielders, and the pitcher / catcher battery must consist of 1 male and 1 female.

COED WALK RULE

1. If the male batter walks, it is a two-base award. The male batter will go directly to second base. Any runners that were on second or third base will be forced in and scored as runs. The female batter must bat—she does not have an option to walk.

Note: The exception is **Only with 2 outs**, if the male is walked, (intentionally or unintentionally), the female has the option to bat or take a walk.

EXTRA PLAYERS IN CO-ED

1. If EP's are used, they must be listed on the starting line-up prior to the first pitch of the game and must be used the entire game. **Failure to complete the game with the EP's results with an out being called when that batter comes up in the game.**
2. If the EP's are used – all 12 players must bat and any 10 may play defense provided the proper male / female defensive alignment is followed.
3. Defensive position may be changed but the batting order must remain the same.
4. The EP's may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP's may re-enter only once.

COURTESY RUNNERS IN CO-ED (The male or female who makes the last out)

1. The Courtesy Runner must run for the same gender: males run for males and females for females.
2. Teams may use a male and a female courtesy runner in each inning.

RUN SPREAD: 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS **and/or** 10 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS.

NO STEALING IN THE COED LEAGUE:

HOME RUN LIMIT is three over the fence homeruns per team. Batters and base runners **DO NOT** run the bases; all runners go immediately to their dugout. Excess home runs are OUTS.

READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS SHEET

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UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT will not be tolerated!! For our league to be successful the teams must respect each other and respect the umpires and the scorers; in turn, the umpires and scorers must respect the players and coaches.

BROOKSIDE PARK GROUND RULE:

The areas down the foul lines at Rose and Elder fields are not completely fenced in. If a batted ball hits in fair territory and then rolls past the 300' arc in foul territory, the umpire will rule it a GROUND RULE DOUBLE.

Any ball a defensive player throws, kicks, or fumbles past the 300' arc, will cause the umpires to award each base runner two bases from the point the infraction occurred.

APPROVED SOFTBALL BATS:

ALL BATS APPROVED BY THE ASA ARE LEGAL. ILLEGAL BATS (ASA NON APPROVED) ARE PRINTED BELOW. **THE ASA BAT RULE (#3—SEC. 1) IS PRINTED ON PAGES 37—39 OF THE 2016 ASA RULEBOOK.**

ILLEGAL (NON APPROVED) BATS:

A complete list of all ASA Non-Approved bats is posted on the bulletin board. Additionally, each team manager and scorekeeper has been given the list.

THE ASA WEBSITE: **www.asasoftball.com** HAS A SECTION ON EQUIPMENT WITH COLOR PICTURES OF ALL NON APPROVED BATS. THIS SITE IS UPDATED FREQUENTLY.

PENALTY FOR USING AN ILLEGAL BAT:

FIRST OFFENSE: EJECTION & ONE GAME SUSPENSION

SECOND OFFENSE: EJECTION & TWO GAME SUSPENSION

THIRD OFFENSE: EJECTION & SUSPENDED FOR 2015

PLEASE READ THE FRONT SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT

QUESTIONS?: Call the league administrator at (216) 664—2346